

The Stearic Acid Company

A Local Manufacturing Concern Whose Products Are Going to Every Point of the Compass—Is One of the Most Important of Celina's Industrial Assets, As It Brings Many Dollars to County, Aiding in Our Progress and Expansion

Meeting with instant, universal approval the products of The Stearic Acid Company here in Celina are now going to every point of the compass and with the dawn of the new prosperity in the nation we predict for this large and important concern a future that will make it one of the busiest bee-hives of industry in the country.

There is not an establishment in Mercer county that is of greater commercial value than The Stearic Acid Company of which Mr. August J. Spieker is the president and directing head. Realizing at the start that the market for the products was practically without limit, Mr. Spieker and his company set out to serve the entire world. By progressive and constructive methods their business has increased and the output has grown to large proportions. Despite adverse business conditions and in the face of strong competition that they have encountered at times The Stearic Acid Company of Celina has continued to grow and expand and with it Celina has become a larger and more progressive city.

The plant of the concern is housed in modern factory and has adequate shipping facilities at its command enabling it to dispatch its products to all parts of the country. Employed by the company will be found men prominently identified with the scientific advancement of the country who are experts in the particular field to which they are now devoting their attention. In making this review of the onward progress of the county the Democrat wishes to direct your special attention to The Stearic Acid Company and the admirable and successful manner in which its affairs are directed by Mr. Spieker. A prominent and well known resident of Mercer county, Mr. Spieker has always taken an active interest in the

affairs of his home community and though the business of his company is transacted almost entirely in territory foreign to Celina, he has always been a liberal contributor to all propositions that promised the advancement of this city and county. His company has been one of the important factors in the commercial development of this section. His commendable efforts in the industrial life of the middle-west are truly worthy of more than passing notice at our hands in this compilation of those firms and business men who have assisted in bringing Celina and Mercer county to the front.

PUMPKIN CENTER

Several of this vicinity attended the prayer meeting at Beaver Chapel Wednesday evening.

Henry Gaus, Jr., entertained company Friday evening.

Mrs. Henry Steele, Cora Gaus and Carrie Anderson were Celina callers Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Beougher and daughter were business visitors east of this place Saturday.

Henry Steele was a Celina caller Saturday evening.

Loree Anderson left for Flint, Mich., Sunday, where he is employed in the Buick Auto factory.

Henry Gaus, Jr., and family, and Carrie Anderson were Coldwater callers Saturday evening.

Henry Gaus, Sr., and wife entertained company Sunday.

The temperance lecture held at Beaver Chapel Sunday evening was largely attended.

Henry Steele and wife, Cora Gaus and Carrie Anderson were auto riding Sunday.

Henry Gaus, Jr., and family called on Mrs. Shively and family Sunday afternoon.

Lewis Gaus and family were Coldwater business callers Saturday evening.

DR. FRANK J. BRANDS

Prominent Mercer County Veterinarian, With Offices at St. Henry, Who Has Won an Envious Position by Professional Work of High Character.

The profession of the veterinary surgeon should be one of the utmost importance and we cannot fail in this comprehensive review of Madison county's progress to devote some space to a well merited tribute to the excellent work performed by Dr. Frank J. Brands, of St. Henry, since locating there in the practice of his useful profession.

During the years that he has been in active practice Dr. Brands has gained a valuable clientele due to his demonstrated ability as a practical veterinarian, for he is a graduate of an accredited school and is licensed to practice in both Ohio and Indiana and uses the latest and most modern methods known to his profession.

Those who may secure the services of Dr. Brands, of St. Henry, are sure to be pleased, as he is a gentleman who performs his work in a thoroughly conscientious manner and is sure to satisfy the most exacting. Since locating in the county he has gained the respect and good will of all who have had dealings with him, and we predict for him a most successful future in the practice of his valued profession.

John M. Kramer

An Expert Sanitary Engineer and Electrical and Heating Specialist, Who Places the Vast Experience of Himself and His Assistants at Service of the People of This Section of Ohio.

Metropolitan service of the very highest order is offered the people of this section of Ohio by John M. Kramer, sanitary engineer and expert heating specialist and electrical contractor in Maria Stein. The people of this section no longer have to content themselves with the unsatisfactory and crude work of the "jack-of-all-trade", for a consultation with Mr. Kramer will bring to the solution of all your plumbing, heating and sheet metal problems the advice and skill of professional engineers of wide experience and success.

Efficient and dexterous by reason of the knowledge that comes from having mastered all of the intricate technical problems of his profession and supreme in the prestige that accompanies the use of the very finest of materials John M. Kramer has built up an extensive patronage in this section of the Buckeye state and has won for himself and his establishment a prominent position in the commercial life of the middle-west.

At his up-to-date and thoroughly modern establishment at Maria Stein you will find equipment and fixtures of the most scientifically correct and latest design. Bath tubs and bathroom necessities there are in great profusion and in this department you will find that the experience and expertness of Mr. Kramer and his men will execute your work with efficiency.

In regard to heating, no matter what may be your choice of system, Mr. Kramer is prepared to equip your house, store or office with the best and most modern heating equipment.

All of the other features of the plumbing and heating trade are equally as well handled by Mr. Kramer and every detail is given the most painstaking care. Honest and straight-forward in his business policies, Mr. Kramer is a prominent business man of this section, is manager of the Marion Telephone Co., and merits the extensive patronage he receives.

A specialty is made of water pumping systems and country plumbing in all its various phases. Mr. Kramer has made a thorough study of this feature.

The Rockford Equity Exchange Co.

At Rockford Operate One of the Most Complete Establishments in the Central West—The Latest Proposition in Commercial Efficiency, Dealing in Grain, Feed, Flour and Allied Lines.

Radiating progress and industry The Rockford Equity Exchange is essentially one of the most important factors in the commercial life of Mercer county and through its efforts is resulting the development of the agricultural interests of Mercer county.

The plant of The Rockford Equity Exchange is one of the largest and best equipped in this section of Ohio and has adequate shipping facilities giving it access to all parts of the central west for the receipt of grain and the distribution of flour to their thousands of customers. The capacity of the Rockford Equity Exchange is very large and the granaries have been constructed along modern lines.

The Rockford Equity Exchange is an institution that consists of an organization of farmers and is constituted along the most modern lines of commercial life.

The establishment is under the management of Mr. Doran. The Democrat is pleased to point to this establishment as one of the progressive institutions of Mercer county.

Mr. Louis Eckhart is the president, and by his acute business judgment this gentleman is not only maintaining the prestige of the place but has kept thoroughly abreast with the times and has placed the concern in the enviable position it occupies today. Through his straightforward, progressive and above the board policies he has built up a trade of immense proportions and has established a reputation of having one of the most prominent, reliable and thoroughly up-to-date concerns of its kind in the country.

The Democrat, in making this review of the onward progress of Mercer county is pleased to compliment Mr. Eckhart and Mr. Doran upon the very able manner in which the direction of the Rockford Equity Exchange is operated and to predict that with them at its head it will continue to prosper and expand.

J. A. Gels Store

At St. Henry Is One of the Largest and Most Popular Merchandising Concerns in the Southern Part of Mercer County—An Extensive Buyer, and His Patrons Always Derive the Benefit of His Business Methods.

A shopping tour of Mercer county would not be complete without doing business with Gels' Big Store at St. Henry. Mr. Gels operates one of the leading stores of this section. He is considered by wholesale firms as one of their largest buyers in this part of the State and consequently is given the unusual advantages offered to a merchant of this class. Much of his stock is purchased in carload lots and as a result he is able to give the public an extraordinary service in high-class goods at very reasonable prices.

In his establishment at St. Henry he carries a full line and his stock is complete in every particular, having been selected for its value. He is able to compete in style and quality with any city or catalogue house in the country and save you more than car fare or expressage. This establishment is one of the largest stocked stores in the county and Mr. Gels draws trade not only from St. Henry but from the country for many miles around.

In the grocery department you will find that Gels has pure and wholesome goods and standard brands that are popular the country over. The

best is none too good for his customers.

Mr. Gels is a business man of the present day who realizes the profits to be made from quick turnovers. He offers his goods at low prices because he buys in large quantities and in the right markets, and is satisfied with a small profit on each sale. That he is honest and straightforward goes without saying, and that he has won the patronage of hundreds of customers through his merchandising policy is proof of the wisdom of his system.

We are pleased in this Prosperity Edition of the Democrat to give Mr. Gels and his commendable establishment prominent mention.

Clabecca

CLABECA—A Belgian Stallion, whose Stud Book number is 47912, was imported August 19, 1909 by the Maywood Stock Farm, Inc. He is a big Stallion, and weighs 2,250 pounds.

Kaiser

KAISER—In a dark iron gray Stallion, with white collar and tall American register number 35949, French number 35925, sired by Carnot number 6666, dam Alise—1911 American—35909 French; bred by M. Perrier Department of Orne, France; foaled March 15, 1910. This horse weighs 2,000 pounds, good bone and the best horse in Washington township.

SEASON 1917
These horses will make the season of the year at the owner's barn at BRASUS, (Municipal), Mercer county, Ohio, on the first four days of the week, and the last two days of the week at the barn of Mrs. Mary Wellman, at St. Anthony, Mercer county, Ohio.

TERMS—CONDITIONS
CLABECA—\$12.00 to insure colt to stand and suck.

KAISER—\$18.00 to insure colt to stand and suck.

Owing to an injury to my arm, I have secured Liza Johnson to look after my horses. No better man in the business. All persons breeding mares and selling them will be held responsible for the insurance. FRANK J. CHENEY, (Seal) Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and cleanses the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Estimated Assessment of the cost of constructing the Storm Sewer in the District consisting of the Territory bounded on the North by the North Corporation line, on the East by the East Corporation line, on the South by the Reservoir, and on the West by Main street, on lots and lands benefited, and to be charged therewith, as set forth in a Resolution, number 263, of the Board of Public Works, passed June 13, 1916, has been made and reported to the Council, and said Estimated Assessment is now on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Village of Celina, for the inspection and examination of all persons interested therein.

By order of the Council of the Village of Celina, Ohio.

J. M. VINTER, Clerk.

April 18th, 1917.

Raudabaugh & Thomas

"INSURANCE AGENTS"

FIRE ! Lightning, Wind Storm, and Plate Glass Insurance. Live Stock Insured Against Death from Any Cause. Automobiles Insured Against Fire Anywhere, Subject to No Assessments. Will furnish Surety Bonds.

Opposite Court House - CELINA, OHIO

INSURE AND BE SURE

We represent the AETNA INSURANCE COMPANY for Farm and City property. Best Indemnity. Lowest cost. See or write us before placing your insurance.

Brookhart & Hare

Richardson Building, CELINA, OHIO

NOTICE

L. M. MURLIN

Real Estate for Sale or Exchange

Union Block, Rooms 10 and 11 CELINA, OHIO

The Farmers Bank

Of Rockford Is One of the Institutions of Mercer County That Has Served Satisfactorily As the Depository of the People for Some Time—Under Competent and Conservative Direction.

Having served the people of that section of Mercer county as their financial depository for several years, it is not strange that the Farmers Bank of Rockford has been known as one of the reliable institutions that exercises good influence upon the commercial and industrial life of that community.

Since its organization The Farmers Bank of Rockford has been under the management of men of experience in financial matters.

The officers are D. H. Robinson, president; Carl C. Smith, vice-president and J. S. Riley, cashier. They are among the county's best known men of affairs and are prominent and valued citizens of Rockford.

This bank is one that extends every possible convenience and accommodation to its patrons and gives close attention to all accounts regardless of their size. The deposit of one dollar is as cheerfully invited and received as the much larger accounts and patrons are urged to make the bank their headquarters. A general banking business is transacted. The Democrat is more than pleased

ed to point to the Farmers Bank of Rockford, its commendable management and its steady progress as evidence of the efficiency and prosperity of Mercer county. Such progressive and yet reliable institutions add to the progress of the community and assist in making Mercer a more prosperous country. They are truly worthy of more than passing notice at our hands in this review of our onward progress.

NEW MANAGER PREPARING TO MOVE TO CELINA

[Wapakoneta Daily News]
Peter Lihm, superintendent of the Deisel-Weimer branch factory at Bellefontaine, was an over Sunday guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rihm, on Seltzer street. He returned to Bellefontaine Monday morning for the remainder of the week, when he will be transferred as superintendent of the new branch factory which the company is opening in Celina. Mrs. Rihm and little daughter have been visitors in this city for several days and will continue to visit here until their home in Celina is ready for them.

P. J. BASTIAN

A Prominent Real Estate Man at Rockford, Possessed of Wide Experience and Ability—A Well Known Citizen of Mercer County and One of Her Best Boosters

The real estate office of P. J. Bastian, at Rockford, is one of the busy places in Mercer county and Mr. Bastian conducts a business that is highly efficient in all departments.

There can be no questioning the fact that the clients of P. J. Bastian sleep well. In fact all they have to do is to turn this part of their business over to Bastian and he does the worrying.

Mr. Bastian is quite an extensive dealer in real estate and has on his list many farms and town houses. If you want to buy, better see him and if you want to sell he has buyers from all over the county who may be interested in your place. If you desire an investment he has farms that located in many parts of the county would bring a much higher price yet they are just as productive and will make investment properties unexcelled.

P. J. Bastian has always had a reputation for fair and above board policies in the conduct of his business and in this Prosperity Edition we are glad to give commendable mention to his activities in the business world and predict for his establishment a full share of the county's prosperity.

LEGAL NOTICE

George Baker, who resides at Knox, Indiana; Lizzie Kaufman, who resides at Ft. Wayne, Indiana; and Kenneth Baker, who resides at Milford, Indiana, will take notice that Eliza Springer, formerly Eliza Baker, guardian of Opal Baker, an infant, on the 8th day of September, 1916, filed her petition in the Common Pleas Court within and for Mercer County, Ohio, alleging that her said ward, Opal Baker, has a legal right to and is seized in fee, subject to dower, of an undivided one-third part of the following described real estate, to-wit:

The Northeast Quarter (¼) of Section Twenty-one (21), Town 6 South, Range 2 East, Butler township, Mercer County, Ohio; that the parties above named, together with other defendants, have or claim to have some interest in said premises, the amount and extent of which is unknown.

The prayer of said petition is that plaintiff's ward, said Opal Baker, may be set off to her in severalty, and if that cannot be done without injury, that such proceedings be had as are authorized by law, and that said dower be assigned.

The persons first above mentioned, will further take notice that they have been made parties defendant to said petition and that they are required to answer on or before the 12th day of May, 1917.

ELIZA SPRINGER, (formerly Eliza Baker), Guardian of Opal Baker, an infant, Plaintiff.

Dated: March 23, 1917.

L. C. Hirsch, Attorney for plaintiff.

Notice to Farmers and Owners of Stock

We do not wish you any bad luck, but if your stock dies or gets old and worn out, we will pay highest prices for same. Telephone charges paid by us. Calls answered at once from any distance. The following prices are now in force: Dead Horses, \$2.00. Dead Cows, according to size, \$1.00 to \$5.00. Live Horses, delivered at plant, from \$4.00 to \$7.50, according to size and condition. Highest market prices paid for butchered Beef Hides. Prices subject to change without notice.

The Montezuma Fertilizer Co.

MONTEZUMA, OHIO

See McMillen

Our sheds have been emptied and we are now ready to care for your Hay.

Phone us, at our expense, for information.

Money to Loan

Have \$300,000.00 private Money to loan at 5 per cent—pay back any time and stop interest. Money obtained direct. No commission to divide as other agencies must do, hence can make you a loan for about what other agencies themselves pay for their money. Get in on this fund while it lasts.

ED. L. BRYSON, Celina, O.

When Women are Weak

Women who feel weak, languid and depressed—who look pale and dull-eyed, and have lost appetite and fresh looks—need a tonic that will purify the blood, help the organs of digestion, regulate the liver and bowels, and strengthen the system. It long has been known that

Beechan's Pills

are a blessing to weak women, for they quickly correct womanly ailments, improve the appetite, purify the blood and re-establish healthy conditions. They are safe to take as they are purely vegetable and without any harmful drug. A few doses will bring better spirits, improved health, a feeling of fitness and

Give Renewed Strength

Directions of Special Value to Women are with Every Box Sold by druggists throughout the world. In boxes, 10c., 25c.

Two Imported Stallions

Gajeur, 2075, Pourquoi 8253

GAJEUR is a bay horse, 9 years old, good action gentle disposition and weighs 2,000 pounds. Sure breeder and many good colts to show.

POURQUOI is a bay horse coming 6 years old, good heavy bone, good action and gentle disposition, and weighs 1900 pounds.

Breeders are invited to see these horses before breeding. The season of 1917 at my barn on E. Wayne St., opposite East School building, CELINA. Will be found there at all times.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON EITHER HORSE

\$15.00 to insure colt to stand and suck. Parties parting with mares before known to be in foal forfeit insurance. Will make all efforts to prevent accidents, but will not be responsible if any occur.

JOHN HEIN, CELINA, OHIO

Automobile Painting!!

I am now ready to do all kinds of Automobile Painting on short notice at the

Seibert Garage, W. Market near C. N. depot, and guarantee satisfaction.

Prices

FORD Cars—\$15, \$20 and \$25.
BIG Cars—\$30, \$35, \$40, \$45 and \$50.

Have your Car made like new.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Catherine J. Wyman, residing at No. 1009 Grace Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Philip Ditch, Susan Ditch, William Johns and Lucy Johns, the residence of whom is unknown, the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, assignees, administrators and executors of Philip Ditch, deceased, and others, praying for an order quieting the title in plaintiffs, to the following lands to-wit: Commencing for the same at the north-west corner of the south-east quarter of section nine, town five south, range one east, thence north thirty degrees thence east one hundred and sixty rods; thence south sixty rods; thence west one hundred and six rods; thence north eighty rods to the place of beginning. And for the reformation of a deed, by correcting the same, so that it may read Christian Kable instead of Christian Koley.

Said parties are required to answer, on or before the 15th day of June, 1917.

HENRY LINN and PETER KABLE, John W. Loree, Plaintiff's attorney.

Notice to Non-Resident—Petition to Sell Real Estate.

Gilbert Hainline, who resides at LeFlore, in LeFlore County, Oklahoma, one of the heirs at law of William Hainline, deceased, will take notice that Fannie Baker, executrix of the estate of William Hainline, deceased, on the 10th day of February, 1917, filed her petition in the Probate Court within and for the County of Mercer, and State of Ohio, alleging that the personal estate of said decedent is insufficient to pay his debts, the legacies in his will and the charges of administering his estate; that he died seized in fee-simple of the following described real estate situate in said county, to-wit:

Tract No. 1—The undivided one-half of the East half of Lot Number 239, in the incorporated Village of Celina, Ohio, as the same is shown on the recorded plat of said village.

Tract No. 2—The undivided one half of West half of said Lot Number 239 in the incorporated Village of Celina, Ohio, as the same is shown on the recorded plat of said village.

Tract No. 3—in the state of Ohio, township of Center, Mercer County, and being the north half of the north east quarter of section seven, town five south, range 3 east, containing 80 acres more or less.

Tract No. 4—in the state of Ohio, township of Center, Mercer County, and being the south-west quarter of the south east quarter of section six, town five south, range 3 east, containing forty acres more or less.

Tract No. 5—in the state of Ohio, Center township, Mercer County, and commencing for the same at the south-west corner of the south-west quarter of section five, town five south, range 3 east, thence east 80 rods; thence north 80 rods; thence west 48 rods; thence south 50 rods; thence west 48 rods; thence south 50 rods to the place of beginning, containing 80 acres, more or less. The farm lands, tracts No. 3, 4 and 5, are held and reserved by the tenant thereon, J. E. B. Lemmon until October 1st, 1917. Purchaser to have the land-lord's share of crops, one-half the crops produced thereon.

The prayer of said petition is for a sale of said premises, free of all dower estate, for the payment of the debts and charges aforesaid, and for the payment of legacies.

The person first above mentioned will further take notice that he has been made a party defendant to said petition and that he is required to answer the same on or before the 15th day of April A. D. 1917.

FANNIE BAKER, Executrix as aforesaid.

February 21st, 1917.
Frank V. Short, Attorney.